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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIR FREIGHT UP 2.2% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 1, 1989 -- Air freight increased 2.2 percent in October, compared with October a year ago, and was up 7.2 percent in the first ten months of this year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in October rose 4.0 percent. Mail increased 0.9 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail registered a gain of 3.4 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in October was up 0.5 percent. Mail increased 3.4 percent, and total cargo rose 0.7 percent.

In the first ten months of this year, domestic air freight had a gain of 3.9 percent. Mail increased 1.4 percent, and total cargo was up 3.4 percent.

International freight during the first ten months rose 10.6 percent. Mail increased 6.6 percent, and total cargo registered a gain of 10.3 percent.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
OCTOBER 1989	443,013	108,324	551,337	463,450	39,020	502,470	906,463	1,053,807
OCTOBER 1988	425,999	107,361	533,360	461,029	37,731	498,760	887,028	1,032,120
PERCENT CHANGE	4.0	0.9	3.4	0.5	3.4	0.7	2.2	2.1
10 MONTHS 1989	4,107,674	1,066,331	5,174,005	4,149,595	371,579	4,521,174	8,257,269	9,695,179
10 MONTHS 1988	3,952,703	1,051,895	5,004,598	3,751,749	348,723	4,100,472	7,704,452	9,105,070
PERCENT CHANGE	3.9	1.4	3.4	10.6	6.6	10.3	7.2	6.5

1) Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

Note : USAir numbers include Piedmont, and Federal Express Numbers include Flying Tiger

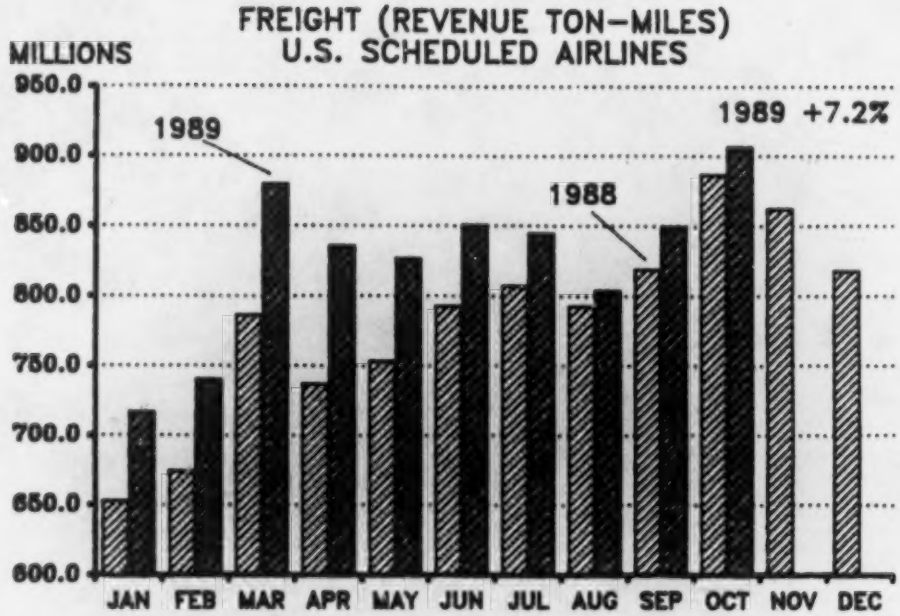
PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

MONTH	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1988			
January	653,081	141,615	794,696
February	674,497	135,320	809,817
March	786,758	155,271	942,029
April	737,067	143,765	880,832
May	753,553	135,530	889,083
June	792,976	137,107	930,083
July	807,344	134,294	941,638
August	792,868	135,965	928,333
September	819,280	136,659	955,939
October	887,028	145,092	1,032,120
November	862,383	153,766	1,016,149
December	818,063	223,079	1,041,142
TOTAL 1988	9,384,898	1,777,463	11,162,361
Jan - Oct 1988	7,704,452	1,400,618	9,105,070
1989			
January	717,113	142,837	859,950
February	740,617	136,199	876,816
March	880,084	165,357	1,045,441
April	835,996	148,309	984,305
May	826,787	141,189	967,976
June	850,778	140,874	991,652
July	845,746	131,442	977,188
August	803,904	146,900	950,804
September	849,731	137,459	987,240
October	906,463	147,344	1,053,307
TOTAL 1989	8,257,269	1,437,910	9,695,179

PERCENT CHANGE

	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1989/1988			
October	2.2	1.6	2.1
Jan - October	7.2	2.7	6.5


FREIGHT (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
950.0
900.0
850.0
800.0
750.0
700.0
650.0
600.0
1989
1988
1989 +7.2%
JAN
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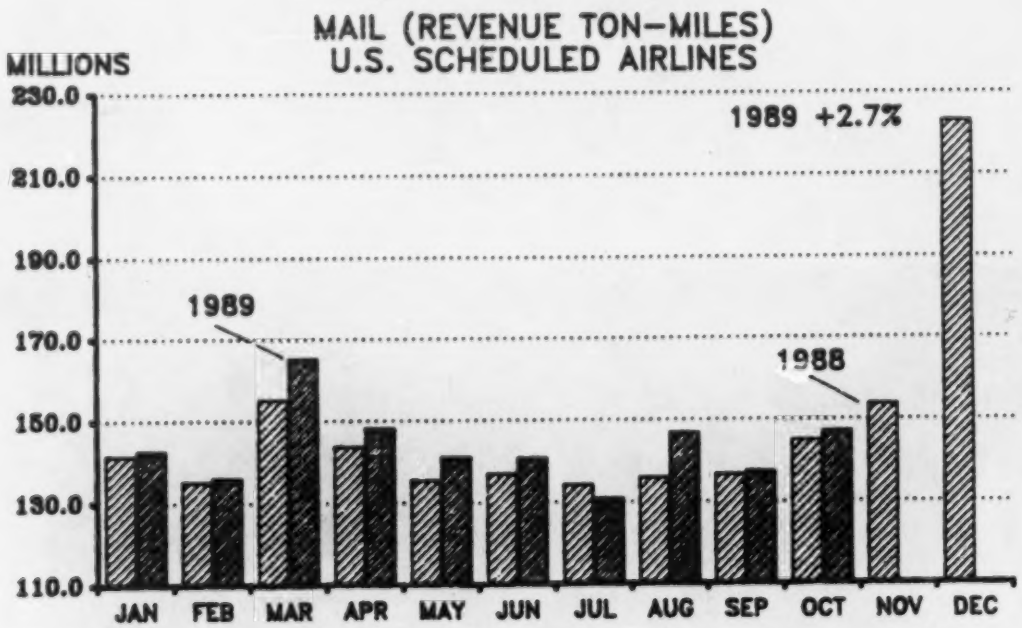
MAIL (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
230.0
210.0
190.0
170.0
150.0
130.0
110.0
1989
1988
1989 +2.7%
JAN
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUN
JUL
AUG
SEP
OCT
NOV
DEC